(c) Year-wise expenditure on Crop Institutes, National Research Centres, Project Directorates and all Agricultural Universities for 1985-86 to 1987-88 are as follows.–

Year	(Rs. in lakhs)
1985-86	8886.80
1986-87	8941 00
1987-88	10026.05

(d) Government of India is giving highest priority to the development of improved varieties/hybrids of various crops and production of breeder seeds and has a policy to evolve and multiply high quality seeds of hybrid varieties of various crops. The New Seed Policy Provides incentives for domestic seed industry to grow with simultaneous provision for providing access to the Indian farmer to best seeds/planting material available any where in the world.

Setting up of training centres for TV programme producers

1732. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up training centres for TV programme producers;

(b) whether any such centre is likely to be set up in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT) (a) There is a proposal to set up an Institute at Lucknow to meet the needs for organising specialised training for both the programme and engineering personnel of Doordarshan.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Indian nurses in Saudi Arabia

1733. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Saudi Arabia are compelling the Indian Nurses working there, who are expecting babies, to have their deliveries in India even a few days before the due dates of delivery, thus exposing them to grave risk of life at that advanced stage of pregnancy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to protect the interests of those Indian Nurses working in Saudi Arabia?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) The Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia have reported that they are not aware of any such case and they have not received any complaints in this regard.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Withholding a cheque by a Deputy Manager of NCCF from a private party against a contract for import of wet dates

1734. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Deputy Manager of NCCF accepted a cheque for Rs. 3.20 lacs from a private party in October, 1983 against a contract for import of wet dates;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the concerned Officer accommodated the party by withholding the cheque without encashment by about 3 months which was